

## BILL TILGHMAN HAS A RECORD

He is on Track of the Murder-  
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IS VERITABLE SLEUTH

Some Incidents in the Career  
of the Deputy.

Guthrie, O. T., Nov. 14.—Miss Adele Smith, the surviving victim of the tragedy at Davenport, last week, has recovered from her wounds sufficiently to tell her story.

There is as yet no clue to the murderer. One clue after another has been followed only to come to naught, but there is no relaxation of vigilance, and when it is remembered that it is Sheriff Bill Tilghman who is after the murderer, he has no reason to feel that he has made a sure escape.

Sheriff Tilghman, of Lincoln county, who is in charge of the searching parties, has a record as a taker and subduer of bad men that is unequalled in the south-west. He is tall and slim, straight as an arrow, has green hair, eyes, and is not afraid of anything living. He never gets excited, talks but little, and in the performance of his duties does not seem to know the meaning of the word failure. In his youth he was a government scout in this territory and southern Kansas, and has lived the strenuous life of a deputy United States marshal for years, getting his men by good generalship, more than by gun play, although when the cooler demands, he can shoot quick and straight. A couple of exciting events in the life of Sheriff Tilghman will serve to illustrate the character of the man who the Lincoln county assassin is trying to escape from.

When Bill Doolin was in his prime, he was more feared by Oklahoma officials than any other outlaw that ever infested the territory. Doolin had many characteristics that caused him to be viewed with alarm. He was a dead shot; he never knew fear; he was cool as they make them, and all in all, he was as mild a mannered a villain as ever cut a throat or held up a train. Oklahoma, however, got too hot for Doolin, and he went to cover for a while. Tilghman, then a deputy marshal, never left the trail of the bold bandit, and finally located his man in a little town.

When Tilghman reached the town where Doolin was hiding under disguise and wearing an assumed name, the officer happened into a barber shop and there, waiting for a shave, sat Doolin. The outlaw at once recognized the officer, but the latter, who also knew his man, with magnificent nerve, walked to the back, hung up his hat and asked for a bath. Doolin was narrowly watching Tilghman and the officer knew that a false movement meant death, but he never saw a sign and followed the porter into the bathroom. Doolin, thinking himself unrecognized, relaxed his vigilance, and in a moment the deputy appeared with cocked revolver, and the words: "Hands up, Doolin, I've got you." Doolin made a movement as if to pull his gun, but Tilghman poked his revolver into the outlaw's ribs and disarmed him. Doolin, who saw that resistance meant destruction, yielded and promised Tilghman that if he would let him go, he would return and make no effort to escape. The officer brought the desperate desperado home to this city without iron and placed him in the federal jail, where shortly afterward he successfully planned and executed a jail escape. Doolin had at large only a short time when he was recaptured, his body with buckshot and ended the career of a genuine bad man. When Tilghman reached this city with his prisoner, the latter had an experience never before recorded in an outlaw. A public reception was tendered him at the court room, and all one afternoon curious people filed past, shaking hands with the desperado.

The other incident was one of those exciting man hunts and desperate battles on horseback that only happen in the southwest, and concerns the final capture of Bill Ralder, who is now doing a forty-year stint in the penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan. Ralder was the exact opposite of Doolin. He was the scrappiest proposition that ever went to the brush and was a thorough daredevil. He finally learned that his case had been turned over to Tilghman and he knew that he had to fight or clear out. He chose the former line, and in the office and outlaw came together in the brush, in the Triangle country. They opened on each other at the same time, but shot from Tilghman's gun clipped the middle finger of the outlaw's right, or pistol hand, and he turned his horse around, riding biting of the mangled finger and spitting it at his opponent, and rode away. Tilghman knew about where the desperado would go for his treatment, and he waited until the next morning and crept close to the log hut where he suspected his man would go, and waited developments, armed with a double-barrel shot gun, loaded with buckshot. About sunrise, Ralder came out of the house and stretched himself up to his belt. Tilghman covered him with the shot gun and commanded him to "throw up his hands." Ralder went after his revolver, and the officer let him have both barrels, and down he went. Tilghman brought the outlaw to this city and gave him the best medical treatment. Both the wounded man's eyes were swollen shut when the shot was bounced off his head. He had half a dozen wounds in his chest, and one of his arms was broken. As he was propped up on a couch, smoking a cigarette, he turned and asked his captor: "Tilghman, you didn't shoot me with bird shot, did you?"

"No," answered Tilghman, "both barrels were loaded with buckshot."

"Well," replied Ralder, "if you had shot an eighteen carter outlaw like me with bird shot, when I got out of the penitentiary I would have come back and murdered you."

There are only two incidents out of hundreds that have occurred in the life of Bill Tilghman, and he has succeeded in making Lincoln county a good place for law breakers to keep clear of.

### EDITOR IN JAIL.

Pleaded Guilty to Eleven Indictments for Forgery.

Wichita, O. T., Nov. 14.—One of the editorial staff of the Chief, published in this city, was placed in the federal jail here last night, waiting the departure of the famous Katy prison car known as the Ten Spot for Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Triplet pleaded guilty last week to 11 indictments for forgery and uttering forged papers in the United States court at Topeka. He was brought before Judge Gill, and many pleas for mercy were made and Judge Gill finally gave him five years in the United States penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. The sentence was for five years in each of the eleven cases, but the terms are to run concurrently, which means five years, and then Triplet is free.

The officers with which Triplet is charged are forgeries in connection with the work in the Cherokee auditor's office, as a result of which the Cherokees lost \$194,000.

Triplet's friends pleaded for mercy for him on the theory that he had suffered from a long term he could not survive. Triplet is almost a full-blooded. He was able to be at work when his bondsman surrendered to the prison officials. He has been working for some time as a translator for the Cherokee Advocate.

### GLANDERS AGAIN APPEAR.

Said to Have Sold Animals Which Were Ordered Shot.

Guthrie, O. T., Nov. 14.—Inspector Hahn of the Oklahoma live stock sanitary board left last night for Dewey county, to investigate an alleged case of glanders, of the territorial sanitary laws by J. W. Wamble of Burnham. It is alleged that the latter has some horses that have the glanders and that he has sold the same, after being ordered to shoot them.

Secretary Morris of the commission has a letter from a man by the name of Fox, of Bradwell, who states that he has two horses that were removed from Wamble's pasture, after the quarantine, and sold him without record. He has on the latter, as the horses are afflicted with the glanders. Fox writes that Wamble sold the horses to a trader and that he purchased them with the understanding that the animals were just recovering from a distemper. The case will be thoroughly examined and investigated and if a violation of the law exists prosecution will follow.

### UNITED BRETHREN MEET.

Church Has Made a Rapid Stride in Last Year.

Guthrie, O. T., Nov. 14.—The seventh annual session of the Oklahoma conference of the United Brethren in Christ, convened at Pawnee, O. T., September 11, with Bishop S. M. Matthews, D. D., of Chicago, in the chair.

Dr. L. E. Kephart, editor of Religious Telescope, of Dayton, O., was invited and represented the interests of the publishing house and spoke in glowing terms of his first visit to Oklahoma.

Other ministers present invited to address the session were as follows: H. W. Miller, A. Whitener and F. Merritt.

The presiding elders made their reports of their respective districts showing splendid gains in all departments, especially in finance and membership.

The church has made quite a rapid stride during the last year. The conference promises to be very interesting and successful.

### OIL INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Amount of Oil Received, Inspected and Fees Returned.

Guthrie, O. T., Nov. 14.—Territorial Oil Inspector F. A. Ashton today filed with the governor his report for the month of October, showing the amount of oil received and inspected in the territory and the financial receipts for the same.

The Waters-Pierce Oil company shipped in 15,866 gallons of gasoline and 21,933 gallons of oil, a total of 37,800 gallons; other companies shipped in 2,229 gallons; a total for the month of 3,222 barrels instead of 15,866.

From the Waters-Pierce company there was received by the inspector in fees the sum of \$15.50; from other companies, \$9.75; a total of \$25.25; retained for and by deputies as fees, \$26.58; turned into the territorial treasury, \$619.92; a gain over September of inspection fees amounting to \$15,000. Mr. Ashton reported to his office and traveling expenses for the month at \$39.72.

### MADE A GOOD CAPTURE.

Detective McIntire Spent a Few Days Among the "Weasies."

El Reno, O. T., Nov. 14.—Detective McIntire of the Rock Island railroad made a good capture yesterday. Reports have been coming in that robbers, hold ups and other felonies were being committed almost every night at the junction and around the Choctaw depot, says the Democrat.

Detective McIntire has been spending a few days with the "weasies" down around the junction, and learned without a doubt that robberies were being committed. He closed in on the gang yesterday afternoon and arrested three. Roy Adams, Charles Adams, charged with robbery, William Hines, El Reno, breaking a seal on a car, and Raymond Prince, Canton, Ohio, grand larceny.

The three are now in jail and will be brought before the grand jury, as each of them will waive a preliminary trial.

### IN BAD SHAPE.

Postmaster Has Fled and Bondsman Take the Office in Charge.

Guthrie, O. T., Nov. 14.—Word has reached the United States marshal's office in this city that Postmaster McHilton of Pecos, I. T., had fled, and that his bondsman had taken possession of his office. It is reported that affairs in the office are in bad shape and that the records are so badly kept that no definite statement can be made at present as to the condition of affairs.

Hilton also kept a general store and leaves a large number of creditors to mourn his sudden departure. The Citizens' National bank and other creditors have filed attachments of the stock.

### OPERA HOUSE AT HOBART.

First Class Pressed Brick Hotel Has Been Planned.

Hobart, O. T., Nov. 14.—At last Hobart is to have a first class pressed brick hotel. This agreement was reached yesterday between Messrs. Bennett and Gilliland, who were the owners of the Silver Moon hotel, which was destroyed by fire last week. The new hotel will be erected on the site of the old one. It will be of pressed brick, three stories in height and will have forty rooms. The building will be fitted up with all modern conveniences.

### WILL BE LARGER.

Opera House Will Be Included in the Building.

Kaw City, O. T., Nov. 14.—The two-story stone building of Conklin Bros., which is being erected will be made larger than first expected. The present dimensions are 40x230 feet. The second story will be fitted up in artist shops for an opera house. Mr. Conklin stated to us this week that he expected to install a good piano therein, which will be an aid to the cause. A nice stage will be fitted up with the very latest scenery.

## TO AID M'GUIRE AT WASHINGTON

Next Thursday a Committee  
Meeting to Be Held.

PLANS WILL BE MADE

Ten Republicans Will Be Se-  
lected to Go East.

Guthrie, O. T., Nov. 14.—Next Sunday there will be a meeting of the Oklahoma Republican Central Committee held in this city for the purpose of naming ten Republicans who will go to Washington and help Bird S. McGuire fight for Oklahoma statehood. At this meeting a plan of operation will be determined. These men have been suggested for the delegation, although it is thought that the number will be changed to suit circumstances and others will go: H. E. Havens, Ed. A. J. Eady, Kingfisher, C. J. Lincoln, El Reno; J. J. Merrick, Lincoln county; H. A. Lowry, Stillwater; J. W. Southard, Perry; Senator Broadwell, Ponca City.

The trip to Washington will probably be after the holidays. The efforts of the delegation will be directed primarily to the task of convincing United States senators that Oklahoma is Republican and that if admitted to statehood will send two Republican senators to congress.

The meeting to be held here next Thursday will be presided over by Cash Cade.

### CHARGES ARE TOO HIGH.

Laboratories Ask Double the Denver Price for Assays.

Lawton, O. T., Nov. 14.—The miners and prospectors have been kicked at the high prices charged for assaying the different laboratories in this city. The price for making an assay for gold and silver is \$4.50 in Lawton, while some of the same firms that have laboratories in Denver only charge half that amount at that point. Mr. Powers stated to the Commercial club that he called at one of the assay offices in this city with some ore and was told that there were 160 men ahead of him, but he would be given the analysis of the ore the next morning. So he figures that the assay business in Lawton must be very profitable. The business men of the city and the miners think the assay offices could come down a little on their price and still make plenty of money.

### COL. PROUTY INJURED.

Little Grandchild Jumped and Escaped Injury.

Kingfisher, O. T., Nov. 14.—Col. C. T. Prouty was thrown from his buggy at the corner of Roberts Avenue and Main street, says the Free Press. The accident happened in a rather peculiar manner. The Col. and his little grand-daughter, Helen Wildkison, were out driving, and were just leaving the postoffice. The colonel had just turned around to come south when a heavy wagon from the east came up, and the driver of the wagon tried to avoid a collision by pulling up his team. But the tongue of the wagon had caught in the wheel of the colonel's buggy and when the team was pulled up, that, of course, raised the tongue of the wagon and the buggy was upset. The little girl jumped out and was not injured, but the colonel was thrown out and sustained a very severe shock, but just how severely he is injured was unable to state at this writing.

### ENGLAND IS MISSING.

Man Named Osburn Arrested and Held for Inquiry.

Shawnee, O. T., Nov. 14.—John England who resides nine miles west of this city, disappeared Tuesday and up to the present time nothing has been heard of him. He came to this city on the day stated, sold a load of hogs, received the money and started home. Wednesday a man who lives on a ditch a mile west of town with England's overcoat in the seat, a man named Osburn has been arrested, and will be held pending investigation. It is said Osburn was seen standing near where the empty wagon was found Wednesday morning with a big six shooter across his arm. This he has not denied, but can give no reasonable explanation of his presence there.

### HIS HAND CRUSHED.

Caught and Instantly Passed Through the Rollers.

Oklahoma City, O. T., Nov. 14.—James Campbell was very seriously injured at the Oklahoma branch company's works where he is employed.

While the entire force was at work and the machinery all in motion, it became necessary for him to do something which brought him near the large rollers which are used in the factory and his left hand was caught and instantly passed between the rollers, crushing and mangleing it terribly.

His brother, John Campbell, who also works at the establishment, happened to stand close to the machinery and instantly disconnected the motive power, bringing all the machinery to a standstill.

### FLOURING MILL SECURED.

Necessary Stock Is Subscribed and Contract Is Let.

Waller, O. T., Nov. 14.—The proposition to erect a 100-barrel flouring mill in this city has materialized. The \$20,000 of stock has been subscribed and the contract for the foundation is in the hands of the builders, says the World.

J. W. Morrison of Baxter Springs, Kansas, a practical millwright and miller, one of the stockholders, and superintendent of the construction and operation of the plant. Work will begin right away and it will require about five months for its completion. It will be 40x50 feet and three stories high, and capable of holding machinery to make 20 barrels of flour every 24 hours. It will also be equipped with a corn grinding outfit up to date and complete.

### STORY OF PROSPERITY.

One Farmer Received a Good Income From His Peaches.

Guthrie, O. T., Nov. 14.—The Edmond Enterprise prints the following prosperity story concerning an Oklahoma county farmer and horticulturist:

W. A. Henry, who lives five miles north and three east of Edmond, says that during the past season he has sold \$14.24 worth of peaches, blackberries, apples, grapes and melons. About 720 net was realized from the sale of peaches alone. Mr. Henry's orchard is a young orchard and he has only about 600 bearing peach trees which give an average of 1.25 a tree. The highest amount received from any one tree was \$2.50, however, there were several trees that did as well as that and were of the varieties Elberta, Mamie Rose, Farmers Favorite, and China Cling. The first peaches of the season were sold about the 12th of June and brought a net price of \$1.50 a bushel; while the last of the season were sold about the 20th of September and brought a net price of \$2.00 a bushel. Seventy-five cents was the least he got for any of his peaches and they were fine ones which were too soft to ship and sold here. The highest price received was for his Elbertas and Salways, which brought a net price of \$2.63 a bushel between the 15th and 25th of August. Mr. Henry shipped all his peaches this year from Edmond.

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Eric, O. T., Nov. 14.—Reports have it that the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad company has been investigating the water proposition west of Sawre with a view to finding a location for their shops as near the Texas line as possible. It is further stated that they have every effort possible to find pure water at or near Texola, but has failed, which seemingly debars the chance of that place getting the shops if they want them. It has also been intimated that if they could find a plenty of such water as they have found here, the chances are very good that Erick would now become a division point, but as yet their investigations have not been thorough and the company has not been thoroughly convinced. It is thought that if the company will examine the wells in the south part of town they would find the pure water they want. The Fisher Gin company, which built a large gin down there had no trouble in securing all the water they wanted for engine purposes at a depth of only 25 feet, and that which is good. They have a well only 25 feet deep from which they have pumped as much as 30 gallons an hour without muddying the water and continue to do that as long as they wanted to, and the engineer has never complained of it. It is pure water and has never given any trouble so far.

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### NEW TOWN OF YEWED.

Town Is Doing Finely and Is Prospering.

Yewed, Nov. 14.—The new town of Yewed on the Orient just south of Cherokee in Woods county is thriving, and citizens claim, and it seems to be true, that it is in the finest part of Woods county. Wheat is drawn some sixteen or eighteen miles east of them to this market. The pioneers of the town, Messrs. Geo. Allen, general merchant; E. B. Wilson, manager Walton Lumber Co.; L. Sappington, postmaster; Geo. M. Highfill, general merchant, and W. H. Bell, hardware merchant, all are agreed that there are yet quite a number of lines of business that would be hailed with delight and no doubt profitable to those who may be seeking a location. Welcome to the town to all now comes and that is why Yewed is such a bright little town.

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## TALKING ABOUT SUGAR YIELD

Experiment Station Takes In-  
terest in the Industry.

CAPITAL IS PLENTIFUL

Money Will Not Be Lacking  
If Beets Are Raised.

Guthrie, O. T., Nov. 14.—The United  
States experiment station, at Stillwater  
has for the last two years tried to  
awaken in the farmers of Oklahoma the  
idea that the territory was especially  
adapted to the cultivation of a superior  
grade of sugar beets, and that the pro-  
duction of this profitable staple could be  
made a great source of revenue to the  
intelligent agriculturist who would at-  
tempt its cultivation on soil adapted to  
its growth.

Another matter that has been attract-  
ing the attention of the experiment sta-  
tion and the board of agriculture, is the  
cultivation of a grade of sorghum cane  
that will profitably produce a high grade  
of sugar. Acting on the suggestions  
made by these bodies, a committee of  
farmers and capitalists, composed of Syl-  
vester Spore, ex-president of the Kan-  
sas county fair association, Daniel T. Irby  
and Fred Smith, two of the most pro-  
gressive farmers of that county, have  
gone on a trip to Rock Ford, Colo., to  
thoroughly investigate the above prob-  
lems, and to make a report as to the pos-  
sibilities in Oklahoma. If the members  
of the committee are satisfied that the  
field here is a good and profitable one,  
they have the assurance that there will  
be a abundance of capital forthcoming  
to establish plants in various sections  
of the territory. Beets will be furnished  
gratis to farmers who have lands adapted  
to the cultivation of beets and cane, and  
Oklahoma bids fair to become a rival  
of the sugar producing areas.

Secretary Thorburn, of the territorial  
board of agriculture, when asked con-  
cerning the possibilities of sugar produc-  
tion in the territory, said:

"I believe the climate and soil  
of Oklahoma form a combination that,  
under a proper system of culture and  
treatment, is capable of producing raw  
sugar at a profit, but it must be along  
the line of development in the arachnids  
qualities of sorghum cane rather than  
those of the sugar beet." This was the  
answer of J. R. Thorburn, secretary of  
the territorial board of agriculture, in a  
recent question on the possibility of  
sugar beet culture in Oklahoma. Con-  
tinuing, Mr. Thorburn said:

"Both the sugar beet and the sorghum  
cane are distinguished for the variation  
in the quantity and quality of saccharine  
content. In the case of the sugar beet,  
this tendency to variation has been en-  
couraged by careful methods of selection  
used by the planters until both the amount  
and the percentage of purity have been  
enormously increased since active  
experiments along this line were first  
begun a little more than a century  
ago. The tendency to variation that is  
manifested by the sorghum cane is equally  
as great as that of the sugar beet,  
and has been demonstrated that improv-  
ment by selection is quite as possible."

"It is indeed true that the sugar beet  
has been bred up to its present standard  
of saccharine productiveness in France  
and Germany, where the average tem-  
perature of the growing season is con-  
siderably lower than it is in Oklahoma,  
and it may indeed be possible to adapt  
our climate and soil just, be all that  
as it may, there is no question as to  
the possibility of sorghum sugar produc-  
tion provided only that an economical  
means for its extraction and separation  
can be found."

"Twenty years ago the United States  
government made extensive experiments  
along this subject in its Kansas ex-  
periment station, and on an average  
per acre and percentage of sugar content  
were concerned, but interest in the mat-  
ter finally died out because of the ex-  
pense of manufacturing the sugar from  
the cane. In the years which have elapsed  
since these experiments were discov-  
ered, scientific discovery and inventive  
genius have revolutionized other arts and  
industries, and it is reasonable to expect  
that some day the cost of produc-  
tion of other commodities."

"Then why not find the way to make  
sorghum sugar at a profit to all con-  
cerned? That it can be done is beyond  
question. For American enterprising, genius,  
skill, wit, and above all, American  
perseverance and contentment of suffering  
difficulties have revolutionized other arts  
and industries. I believe that Uncle Sam has  
been in his labors in this matter just about  
long enough. There is no one in a further  
postponement of the final triumph. The  
experimentation should be taken up  
at once and with renewed zeal and more-  
over that effort should be made in Okla-  
homa for the reason that no state in the  
Union offers a better field."

### Return Two Indictments.

Lawton, O. T., Nov. 14.—The grand  
jury returned indictments charging Rob-  
ert S. Blair and Ed Perkins, charging them  
with the murder of F. B. Bush. Some  
unofficial evidence is presented by the  
case. Parks was a life and son of Blair.  
The father was a life and son of Blair.  
He was killed in the country jail. At  
the time of the shooting Blair claimed  
he killed his brother-in-law because the  
latter was choking Mrs. Bush, who is St.  
Blair's sister.

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